

Epic drive in Triumph for awareness

JACK Evans, aged 76, has set out in a car just six years younger than himself to recreate an historic drive across Australia ... for charity.

Mr Evans, from Armidale, aims to cover the 4000km from Perth to his home town to raise funds for the Australian Lung Foundation.

His Triumph for Breath marathon is in a 1929 Triumph Super Seven – the same model that George Manley and Percival Armstrong used when they drove across the country 80 years ago.

A former cabinetmaker, Mr Evans lost his wife, Gill, to chronic obstructive pulmonary disease three years ago.

COPD is the umbrella term given to long-term lung conditions which include chronic bronchitis and emphy-

sema. Mr Evans, who rebuilt the car for the attempt, says he wants to raise awareness of the illness and raise \$12,000.

“After years of planning, I’m very excited at the thought of finally embarking on this journey,” he said.

“The key message I would like to highlight is that smoking kills.”

To reach the start line in Perth, Mr Evans drove the Triumph from Armidale to Adelaide before putting it on a train to WA.

He set out from the Perth suburb of Whiteman Park yesterday and was seen off by George Manley’s son.

Mr Evans expects to arrive in Armidale at the end of the month.